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Filing Date	11/28/2000
First Named Inventor	John Edward Cronin
Art Unit	2177
Examiner Name	Harold E. Dodds
Attorney Docket Number	07689-00022

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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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- The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to
- a. ☒ Deposit Account No. 04-1588
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
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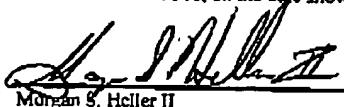
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

Applicants hereby request continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

This request is being submitted:

- ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
- ☐ Payment of the issue fee
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- ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been granted
- ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences

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- ☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
- ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145 or
- ☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146:
- ☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
- ☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

Enclosed herewith is:

- ☐ An information disclosure (37 C.F.S. § 1.98)
- ☐ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
- ☒ An amendment
- ☐ New arguments
- ☐ New evidence in support of patentability
- ☐ Other:

This application is on behalf of:

- ☒ Small entity (and status is still as small entity) \$385.00
- ☐ Other than a small entity \$770.00

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